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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE COMPRISING A)
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE WHICH CODES FOR)
A HAEMOCYANIN, AND COMPRISING AT)
LEAST ONE INTRON SEQUENCE) Group Art Unit:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment for the U.S.
national phase filing of PCT/EP00/08129 filed herewith as a new
patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Please enter this
Preliminary Amendment and amend the accompanying application as
follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a nucleic
acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence which codes for a